

Big Skylights



An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

August 25, 2005

Governor to speak at annual meeting

Gov. **Brian Schweitzer** has accepted our invitation to speak at MECA's 44th Annual Meeting, which will be held Oct. 3-6 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. The governor is scheduled to be our luncheon speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

44th MECA Annual Meeting of Members Pre-registration Deadline Sept. 12

Sept. 12 is the deadline for pre-registration for MECA's 44th Annual Meeting, which will be held Oct. 3-6 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. The pre-registration fee is \$215. After Sept. 12, the fee is \$240.

Space is still available for the NRECA Director's Course 969.1- Energy Risk Management Policy, Controls, and Governance for Directors being offered on Monday, October 3. The fee for the course is \$300 per person and includes lunch. A minimum of 20 directors must be registered by the early registration deadline of September 16, 2005 or the course will be cancelled. As of today, 14 directors are registered.

Job Market

Journeyman lineman

Fergus Electric Cooperative has an opening for a journeyman lineman based out of operations in the co-op's service territory near Roundup. Salary is \$26.42 per hour. The position will be open until filled. To be considered for the position, applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, have journeyman lineman certification and four years of journeyman work experience, be able to perform responsibilities and duties of the position which includes construction, maintenance and repair of overhead and underground distribution and transmission systems with knowledge of RUS construction standards and must possess a valid Montana Class A drivers license or obtain one within six months of employment. For additional information and an application contact Line Superintendent **Dale Rikala** at 406-538-3465.

Journeyman line technician

High Plains Power has an immediate opening for a qualified Journeyman Line Technician. Requirements include a HS Diploma/GED, successful completion of an apprenticeship program or equivalent job experience, involving a minimum of 4 years line experience in OH/UG electric distribution including all phases of line construction, maintenance, and troubleshooting. A valid Class A CDL with excellent driving record is required. The position will be located at the co-op's main office in Riverton, WY, located in the Wind River Valley of West Central Wyoming. Riverton is a community of 10,000 and is located approximately 160 miles southeast of Yellowstone National Park. Compensation is \$24.63/hour with an excellent benefits package. Technical skills testing and a drug screen are required. Please call, fax or e-mail requesting a job application.

Applications will be accepted until Sept 5, 2005. Call 307-856-9426 or fax 307-856-4207, Request Human Resources or email: mamhpp@wyoming.com.

2005 CALENDAR**August**

29 – Sept 1 48th Annual Rural Electric Operations Conference Missoula, MT

September

22 Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee Helena, MT
24 Beartooth Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Red Lodge, MT

October

3 – 6 MECA 44th Annual Meeting of Members Great Falls, MT
15 Big Flat Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Malta, MT
15 Sheridan Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Medicine Lake, MT
18-19 Governors' Energy Symposium Bozeman, MT
19 Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Glasgow, MT
27 Goldenwest Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Wibaux, MT
28 Park Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Livingston, MT

November

1 Sales is Not a Dirty Word Training Billings, MT
3 Sales is Not a Dirty Word Training Sidney, MT
9 Sales is Not a Dirty Word Training Missoula, MT
9-11 NRECA Region IX Meeting Kauai, HI
15 Sales is Not a Dirty Word Training Great Falls, MT